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By Representative Steele

1 AN ACT Relating to promoting academic transparency in public
2 schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.605 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes the
6 invaluable role that public schools have in preparing students for
7 success in postsecondary education, gainful employment, and
8 citizenship. The success of students and schools, however, is reliant
9 upon a partnership of mutual trust, respect, and support between
10 school officials and the communities they serve.

11 (2) The legislature recognizes also that the unique challenges of
12 a years long, and still ongoing, global pandemic have shed additional
13 light on the critical and ever-evolving relationships between
14 parents, teachers, and schools. As a result, new opportunities have
15 arisen for strengthening these relationships and promoting the
16 academic and community environments that foster authentic student
17 engagement and learning.

18 (3) The legislature, therefore, in the interest of making
19 instructional materials more accessible to parents and legal
20 guardians, while simultaneously respecting the professional judgment
21 of teachers and the importance of a free exchange of ideas in

1 classrooms, intends to require school districts and other education
2 entities to annually post syllabi and lists of instructional
3 materials used by teachers during the school year. The legislature
4 does not intend for this act to restrict the use or selection of
5 academic materials, or to create undue burdens upon teachers, but
6 rather intends for its provisions to promote academic transparency
7 and the corresponding dividends of parental trust, community support,
8 and student success.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.605
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1)(a) Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each school
12 district shall, for each classroom teacher of the school district,
13 annually post on its website the syllabi and instructional materials
14 selected and used by the teacher, by grade or course, as applicable,
15 for each quarter or semester of the academic year.

16 (b) Postings required by this section must: (i) Be made by the
17 end of the academic year or May 31st, whichever is earlier; and (ii)
18 apply to the academic year that is concluding at the time of posting.

19 (2) This section governs school operation and management under
20 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020, and applies to charter schools
21 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education
22 compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same
23 extent as it applies to school districts.

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